IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 24-28 without prejudice. Please amend the following

claims which are pending in the present application:

1. (Currently amended)   A method of creating a lot containing at least one of a

plurality of transportation lanes, wherein each transportation lane includes on

origination location and a destination location and each transportation lane has

an associated transport value, comprising:

creating an origination area;

creating a destination area;

compiling all lanes having origination locations falling within the origination

area and destination locations falling within the destination area; ~~and~~

increasing at least one of the origination area and the destination area of the

lot to include more lanes within the lot until the total of the transport value of all

lanes included within the lot exceeds a predetermined amount; and

storing the lot.

2. (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising compiling a list of

carriers operating in the origination area and the destination area.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the origination location is a facility.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the origination location includes a zone defined by a US postal system code.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the origination location includes a city.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the origination location includes a state.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the origination location includes a nation.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the origination location includes a predefined geographic area.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the destination location is a facility.

10. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the destination location includes a zone defined by at least a portion of a US postal system code.

11. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the destination location includes a city.

12. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the destination location includes a state.

13. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the destination location includes a nation.

14. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the destination location includes a predefined geographic area.

15. (Original)   The method of claim 1, further comprising sorting the lanes by a value of transportation in each lane.

16. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the lanes are stored in a database.

17. (Original)   The method of claim 16, further comprising removing each lotted lane from the database.

18. (Original)   The method of claim 17, further comprising adding each lane removed from a lot to the database.

19. (Currently amended)   The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~repeating the method until all lanes are lotted~~ creating a plurality of lots, each lot containing at least one of a plurality of transportation lanes until the plurality of lanes are lotted into the plurality of lots, the plurality of lots each created by creating an origination area, creating a destination area, compiling all lanes having origination locations falling within the origination area and destination locations falling within the destination area, increasing at least one of the origination area and the destination area of the lot to include more lanes within the lot until the total of the transport value of all lanes included within the lot exceeds a predetermined amount, and storing the plurality of lots.

20. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the transport value is an estimated cost of transporting goods in the lot.

21. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the transport value is a quantity of goods to be transported in the lot.

22. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the method is performed by a computer.

23. (Original)   The method of claim 1, wherein the lot is created for use in an on-line auction.

24-28. (Cancelled)